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What is claimed is:

5 1. A language module (i) which is attachable to an appliance, (ii) which is configured to communicate with the appliance when so attached, and (iii) which is configured to perform language-specific tasks at the request of the appliance by:
receiving an instruction for language-specific processing from the appliance; and
sending resulting data of the language-specific processing to the appliance.

10 2. The language module of Claim 1 wherein the language module is configured to perform language-specific tasks according to a subject language at the requests of the appliance by also:
receiving data representing a character in the subject language; and
sending data specifying a graphical representation of the character to the appliance.

15 3. The language module of Claim 1 wherein the language module is configured to perform language-specific tasks according to a subject language at the request of the appliance by also:

20 receiving data representing a user input gesture; and
 sending data representing one or more language units of the subject language in accordance with the user input gesture.

25 4. The language module of Claim 3 wherein the language units are characters.

5. The language module of Claim 3 wherein the language units are words.

6. The language module of Claim 3 wherein the language units are phrases.
7. The language module of Claim 3 wherein sending comprises:
selecting the one or more language units according to one or more preceding
language units which were previously specified by the user.
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8. The language module of Claim 7 wherein selecting comprises:
determining word-continuation relationships between the preceding language
units and the one or more language units.
9. The language module of Claim 7 wherein selecting comprises:
determining name-continuation relationships between the preceding language
units and the one or more language units.
10. The language module of Claim 3 wherein the language module is configured to
perform language-specific tasks according to the subject language at the request of the appliance
by also:
15 sending data representing one or more language unit components which are of the
subject language and which correspond to the user input gesture.